



The football season is back! Paul Miles (11) is hugged by a colleague after scoring Wycombe's goal against Weymouth.

# Finnigan knocks out Wycombe!

**TREVOR Finnigan, Weymouth's recent big signing from Yeovil, scored an opportunist second half hat-trick to send Wycombe Wanderers to defeat in their first official friendly of the season at Loakes Park on Saturday.**

Weymouth, with previous victories over Bournemouth and Torquay in the past fortnight, made their extra match fitness tell as weary Wanderers wilted in the closing stages.

But for much of the match it looked as though Wycombe, short of at least five regular first choices, would hold their own against a side who finished second only behind Altrincham in the Alliance Premier League last season.

Wanderers took the lead midway through the first half with a excellently executed goal. Bob Dell, at the heart of their best moves, played a pin-point through ball to the unmarked Paul Miles, who brought it down on his chest before firing into the net from about 10 yards.

**By MICHAEL KNOX Wycombe 1, Weymouth 3**

This was one of Wycombe's few goalscoring opportunities as Weymouth, in general had the better of the play but they were still trailing at the interval.

But the visitors equalised five minutes into the second half. Anni Iannone, a constant threat, somehow slipped past Keith Mead on the byeline and laid the ball into Finnigan's path for a simple goal.

The scores were still level ten minutes from the end, although Wycombe were now clearly under pressure and they conceded two more goals in the closing stages.

Finnigan gave Weymouth the lead when he drove

home from ten yards after good work by Neil Merrick and he completed his hat-trick three minutes from time with a fierce shot off the underside of the bar.

With so many players away on holiday or injured, not too many lessons can be learned from this Wycombe performance.

## Toll shines

Terry Glynn, the £900 signing from Enfield, showed one or two nice touches upfront but will need a better supply of possession if he is to become a regular goal scorer.

Russell Ashenden, who once played League football under Mike Keen at Northampton, looked completely out of sorts. Indeed the best performance from a newcomer came from Steve Toll the young Flackwell Heath full back.

The younger brother of Gary Toll, he showed himself to have a cool head and quick brain at right back especially in the closing stages but with Bobby Davies, Paul Birdseye and Steve Hardwick to return he will obvious have intense competition to gain a first team place.

It was good to see Mick Hollifield back in action after injury and while he did not contribute greatly, the experience of being in the middle again should have been most valuable.

**Wycombe:** G. Lester; S. Toll, G. Borg, K. Mead, G. Fowles, H. Kennedy, R. Dell, R. Ashenden (sub: A. Price 56 mins), M. Hollifield, T. Glynn, P. Miles.

**Weymouth:** K. Roberts; B. Lawrence, G. Byrne (sub: P. Arnold), S. Dyer, N. Merrick, T. Finnigan, M. McCafferty (sub: P. Hawkins), T. Paterson (sub: D. Courtney), A. Iannone (sub: A. Joseph), K. Dove, P. Johnson.

Referee: T. Williams (High Wycombe).  
Half-time 1-0. **Scorers:**  
Wycombe—Miles (27 mins);  
Weymouth—Finnigan (50, 81, 87).  
Attendance: 350.

## Aylesbury next

**WYCOMBE Wanderers entertain local Southern League side Aylesbury United at Loakes Park tonight (Tuesday) in their final warm-up in preparation for the new league season. The kick-off will be at 7.30 p.m.**

Blues open their new Isthmian League season against the recently combined Ilford/Leytonstone club, promoted from Division One last season.

One of the most attractive matches tonight sees the F.A. Cup winners West Ham United play at Chalfont St Peter (kick-off 7.45 p.m.) at the Playing Fields, where a record crowd is expected.